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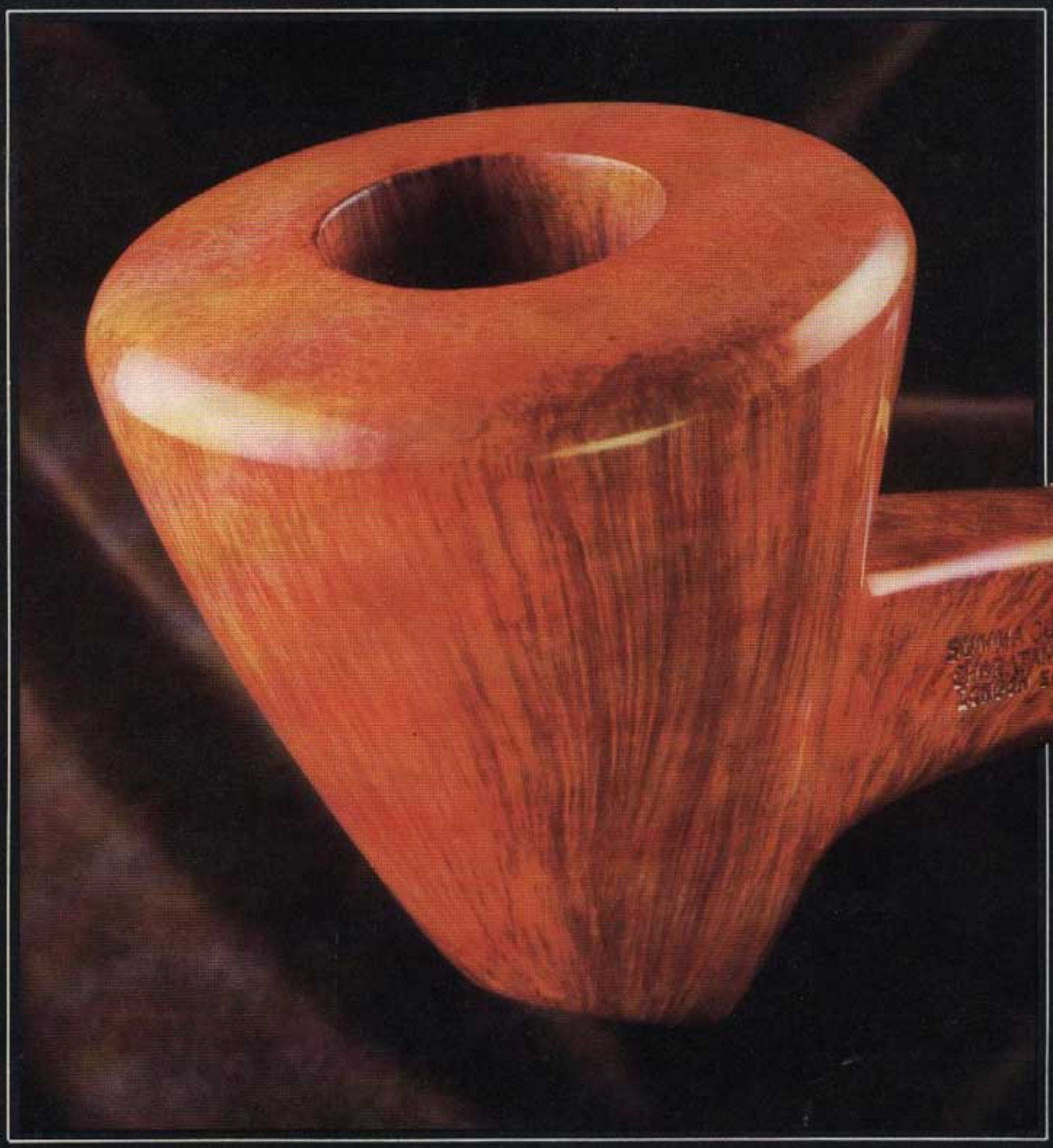

Charatan's
Summa Cum Laude:
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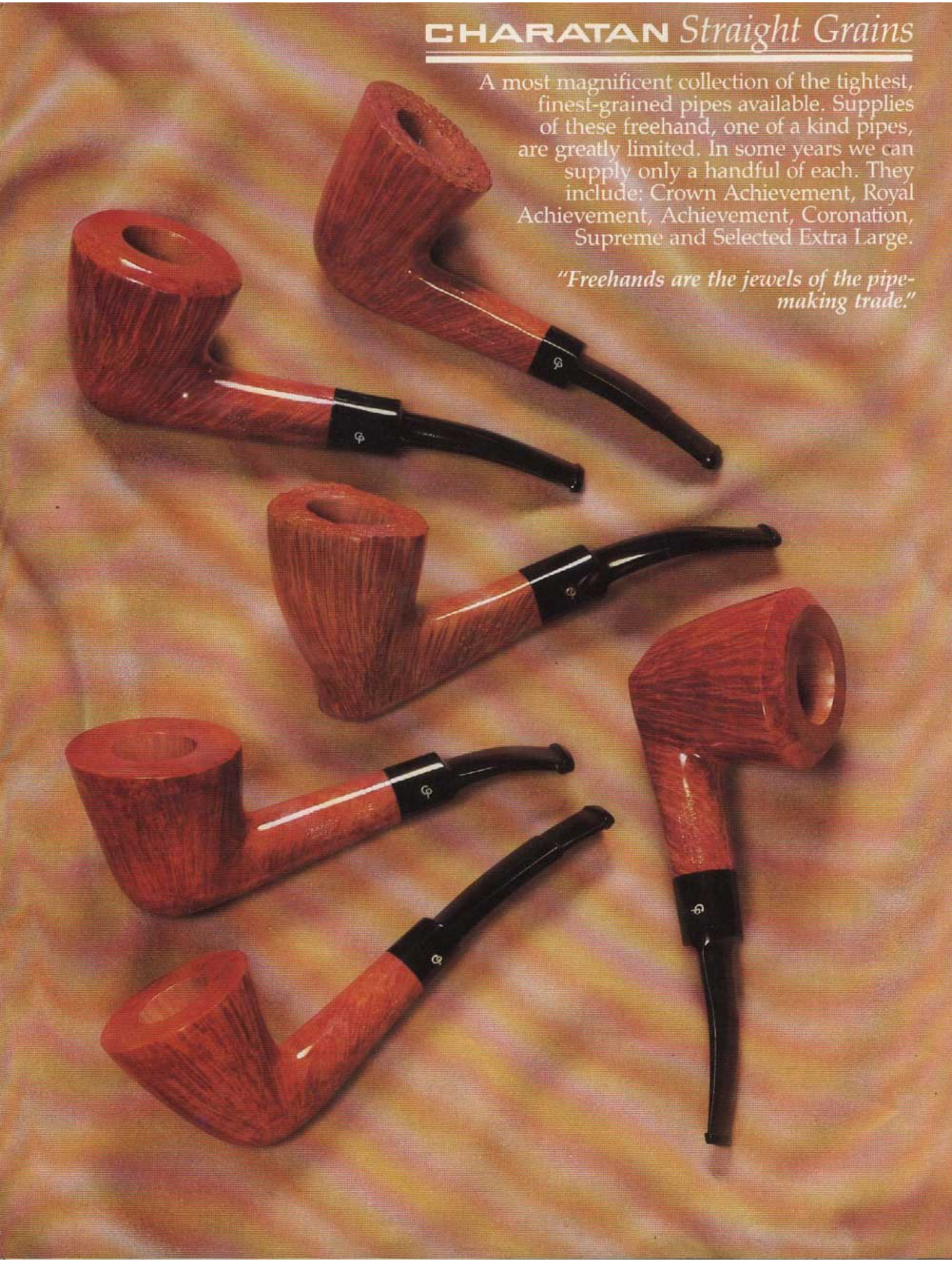

CHARATAN Straight Grains
A most magnificent collection of the tightest, finest-grained pipes available. Supplies of these freehand, one of a kind pipes, are greatly limited. In some years we can supply only a handful of each. They include: Crown Achievement, Royal Achievement, Achievement, Coronation, Supreme and Selected Extra Large.
"Freehands are the jewels of the pipe-making trade."

The pipe draws wisdom from the lips of the philosopher, and shuts up the mouth of the foolish; it generates a style of conversation, contemplative, thoughtful, benevolent, and unaffected.
Thackeray

Take a good look at that logo... It's the symbol of a special fraternity of people who enjoy the pleasure of a pipe and insist on indulging that pleasure with the finest instrument of its kind in the world:

The Charatan Briar Pipe

Charatan has achieved its exalted position because of a very simple policy: We use only the best material and workmanship at every single stage of the pipe's development.

First there's the search for the finest ancient briar burls. From these roots—harvested from gnarled trees growing on rocky slopes around the Mediterranean Sea—Charatan experts select the briar which distinguishes their pipes.

Once the carefully selected wood is permitted to mature naturally and slowly, Charatan craftsmen go to work. Charatan styling now begins to take form—with shapes no other pipemen are capable of, created in both reproducible bowls and one-of-a-kind, totally hand-crafted sculptures.

The briar, harvested from beneath the surface of the earth, possesses a unique mixture of toughness and porosity, so the pipe will breathe and be cool, yet last a lifetime. Charatan's maturing process enhances these qualities so the pipe needs practically no breaking in. It just gets better and better the more it's smoked.

There are various technical aspects of pipe-making at which Charatan excells. Weight and balance produce smoking comfort. Proper draught hole diameter with relation to bowl size gives superb draw. And the Double Comfort® mouthpiece, when used, is the most efficient, most satisfying you can find.

The secret is time. We take our time. And there's never a compromise. If Mother Earth doesn't give us enough of the proper briarwood, we won't make a pipe. In fact, that's the way it's been going lately; so we've had to tell our dealers all over the world that there is no choice but to put up with the frustrating lack of supply of Charatan pipes—even though they're always demanding more of them.

Thus, we know we're justified in our slogan: ***We'll never sell more pipes than anyone else in the world. We'll just have to be content with selling the best.***

Charatan – England's Oldest Briar Pipemaker

Charatan Pipe Shape Chart

Acorn 317

Billiard 1180, 212, 3102, 4420

Apple 342

Brandy 334

Banker 4651

Bulldog 12, 38

Bell Dublin 232, 333

Burlington 372

Bent 110, 210, 311, 4211

Captain 215

Bent Pot 489

Cavalier 483

Cheshire 319

Huntsman 162, 461

Chubby Pot 149, 348

Jermyn 318

Dublin 192, 292, 391, 490

Lewington 321

Everest 320

Lovat 1018, 2012, 30102

Gilpin 281, 481

Lumberman 10990, 20104, 30120, 4402

Highbury 341

Mansell 213

Note: The first digit of the shape numbers indicates group size.

Pickwick 322

Shannon 2615

Bevelled Pot 4148

Skater 2654, 4654

Pot Royal 2655

Ton 284, 484

Prince 2502

Trafalgar 171, 371

Rhodesian 2109

Winston 323

Salisbury 173, 373

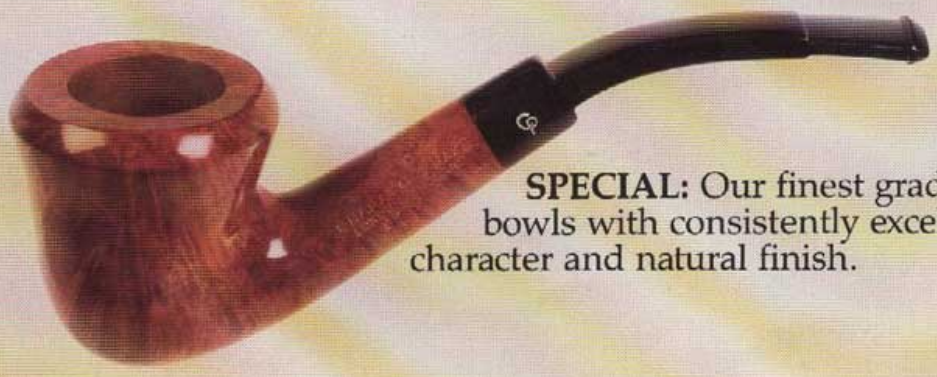
Zulu 1160, 260

The Charatan Quality Groupings

These are all perfect briars. There are no surface imperfections. Ever. Variations in quality among the groupings depends strictly upon the character of the grain.

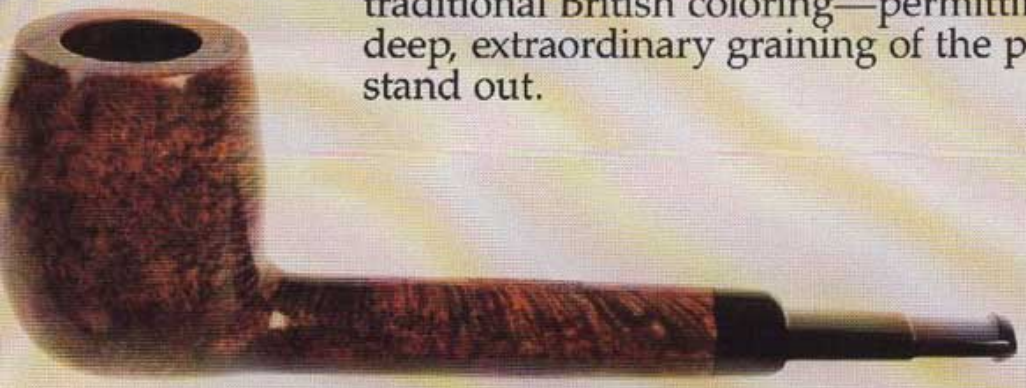
THE EXECUTIVE: A flawless hand cut straight grained pipe, distinguished by its honey color which accentuates the tight, unique graining.

DISTINCTION: A superb hand-made pipe which receives two special finishes—both hand-rubbed walnut—to achieve its distinctive look.

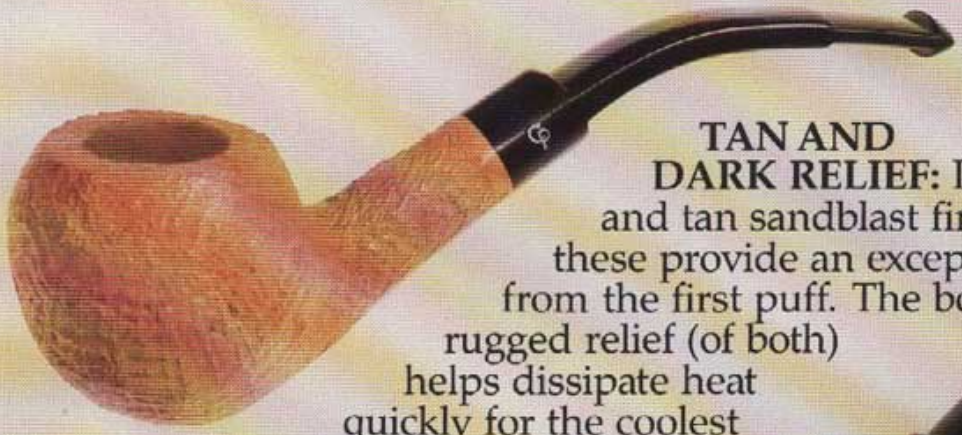


SPECIAL: Our finest grade of hand-finished bowls with consistently excellent grain character and natural finish.

BELVEDERE: The rich burgundy finish is traditional British coloring—permitting the deep, extraordinary graining of the pipe to stand out.



PERFECTION: A special rubbed-out walnut finish process permits the exceptional cross-cut grains to come through creating a remarkable effect.



TAN AND DARK RELIEF: In black and tan sandblast finishes: these provide an exceptional smoke from the first puff. The bold, rugged relief (of both) helps dissipate heat quickly for the coolest of smokes.